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SUMMARY.

Price Bulet, in a letter on the elections, admits that they are not likely to result in the return of a great united Liberal party. He still hopes that the Right might gain enough to form a majority on occasions.

Social democracy, he said, constituted a real danger. Robert, the leveler, was largely followed by Bonaparte's sword, which freed France.

The reference to Bonaparte's sword is interpreted as meaning that the Emperor may repeat in a coup d'etat the feat of the great Napoleon.

The Amer of Afghanistan, with a large escort, has arrived at Lodi, India.

The King cabled to the Amer that his visit to India had caused his Majesty great gratification.

Owing to a collision between two passenger trains in Texas, 25 people were killed and 23 others injured. For 25 years the railway has been a source of 23 million labourers were injured.

A great fire occurred at Portsmouth, a building containing the whole camp equipment of the Southern Command was destroyed.

The Japanese Ambassador says that there are no insurmountable difficulties in the proposed Anglo-Japanese Convention.

4000 Turkish soldiers sent to Central Arabia to assist a rising 1000 have reached Basra, Asia Minor, in a deplorable condition.

Of the others 2000 were killed by disease and starvation, and 1000 deserted.

It is expected that King Peter of Serbia will abdicate.

A house washed ashore at Londonderry contained an account, and only news received, of the loss of the Atlantic liner Huron.

The "Times" says that nothing short of universal military service in England would justify the construction of the English Channel tunnel.

The Rugby Union recommends that the visit of a New South Wales team to England should be deferred till the season after next.

The Royal Commission inquiring into the race-willits trial further evidence yesterday.

The former of the jury (A. H. Warner) said that he and other jurors regarded the trial as an absolute farce.

He reiterated his statement that one of the jury—Mr. Vial—had actually changed his attitude in the juryroom.

The former also complained that statements made in the juryroom were known outside some days before the jury was discharged.

J. F. Cox, a law clerk, said he had had a conversation with Mr. Warner respecting two letters having been sent by Mr. Vial.

Mr. Vial was not one of the officers. He understood the names of the two persons were Burgess and Lamm.

C. F. Mumford, a jurymen, said he considered the trial as effective as any other trial he had seen.

J. B. Wallis, another jurymen, said he considered the trial as effective as any other trial he had seen.

The jurymen further stated that Brown kept away from the other jurymen when they were discussing the evidence.

Sheriff's Officer Lane stated that he had never had conversation with jurymen respecting the trial.

Mr. Carruthers says that on last year's basis of expenditure the State's revenue for the past half-year is equal to nearly £1,000,000.

The net increase of expenditure during the half-year was £28,000, which includes about £10,000 interest, that practically has been repaid.

In South Australia there were 3723 infirmal cases on the referendum question. The negative votes only numbered 2548.

At the Summer School at the Hawkesbury College yesterday, a practical contest strongly urged the need for agricultural education.

Further news from the Colman and Temora districts.

The Blayney election is raising much excitement locally, owing to the great efforts being made by the supporters of the candidates.

Our Walcha correspondent says that representatives of the A. W. Union are touring the district soliciting support for the Labour party.

The master builders' endeavour to resume operations in Melbourne yesterday, but only a few men started to work.

Up to noon not a word on the Trades Hall strike had been accepted.

The gold exports from New Zealand last week increased by £20,000.

The fire in the sludge Irish Hospital has been extinguished. Hundreds of tons of water have now been pumped out of the tank.

There has been considerable mortality among stock in the Canterbury district from some mysterious malady.

Reports have been received of large bands of trout acclimated in inland rivers. A rainbow trout weighing 10 lb was taken from the Snowy.

Mr. Holman Hunt in a letter to the Premier, expressed his regret that the Premier had accepted his painting "The Light of the World."

At the chess congress at Christchurch Mr. Viner, the Australian champion, defeated Mr. James (champion of New Zealand).

The Testimonial-Casualty mail coach was overturned at an embankment owing to the horses becoming frightened.

A number of the passengers received severe injuries.

At Goughs S. E. Bryant, a publican, was charged with fraudulently obtaining £125 on his own name, S. E. Bryant, his son, was charged as an accessory.

The Crown case was that the money had been entrusted to the publican by an old pensioner, and that accused denied receiving it.

Both accused who received their defence were committed for trial.

The dead body of a child was found floating in a pond near the University yesterday.

At the inquest on the body of Miss Gidley, who was killed by a motor car overturning at Black Spur (V.), a verdict of accidental death was recorded.

Strikers in the building trade in Adelaide resumed work a number of minor jobs, their demands having been conceded.

The miners in the Wiluna district (W.A.) struck work against an award of the Arbitration Court.

The Fremantle Trades Hall Association has secured Mr. Rowe, a union secretary, for saying that the Melbourne strikers were ill advised.

The Tariff Commission will resume its sittings on Monday.

The Police Department has 24 140-pounder field guns, but no ammunition wagons for them.

The difficulty regarding the suspension of Mr. Bellamy, superintendent of the municipal power-house, has been dropped over.

Mr. Bellamy has been offered another position on the professional staff.

Consequently there will be no inquiry into the allegations made by Mr. Bellamy, and the counter-allegations made by Mr. Bellamy.

The Stock Exchange was reopened yesterday, after the Christmas vacation.

Business in investment securities was fairly active at steady prices.

In the Mining market values were well maintained, and in some cases they advanced.

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IN HARNESS HORSES. FROM MITTAGONG.
JAMES INGLE AND SONS have received instructions from Mr. T. McGrath, Mittagong, to sell
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Black Gelding, 4 yrs., 16 hands, by Logan Bree
son, Very active and good harness driver; also
single and double harness, lady can drive;
also Grey gelding, good sort, quiet, fit
middle and harness.
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day, FRIDAY, at 2 o'clock,
Grey gelding, 4 yrs., about 15 hands,
black and white, very active and good harness
driver, single and double harness, lady can drive;
also grey gelding, good sort, quiet, fit middle
and harness.

By Metal from Miss Wren, in full training, a mare, 4 years old, a valuable animal.

RACING PONY, "BON HOMME."

LINDA INGLE and BON have received intimation to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock.

"BON HOMME" brown Gelding, rising 6 years, 14.5 Hb. ex-cel. horse, a multiple winner of many races. Full pedigree and performance at sale.

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AT 11.30 A.M. SHARP.

1000 HEAD. 1000 HEAD.

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75, comprising 1000 head of quality, 2 to 3 years, 25 3/4 year, and 10 Steers to 14

50 Very Superior Dairy Heifers, 18 months to 2

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10 Good Dairy Heifers, all good colors, 2 and 3 years old.
11 Good Dairy Heifers, principally Heifers and Steers.
12 Let-down Dairy Heifers, 2 years old, some spotted.
13 Good Dairy Heifers and Steers.
14 Good Dairy Heifers, 2 and 3 years old.
15 Head, comprising 11 two-year-old backward and 4 one-year-old forward, all of good color, all selected from good dairy cows;
16 Steers, 2 years old.
17 Mixed, comprising Store Cows, 5 Springing Heifers, 5 Calved Cows, the balance Steers and Heifers.
18 Mixed Cattle, Store Cows, Cows, Heifers and Steers.
19 Aims.
20 Blood Mare, black at foot, and served again, winner of several first prizes.
21 Maine Avenue Steers at 10.15 a.m., returning at 3.47 p.m.
22 HORSE RACING, SATURDAY, 28th JAN., 1907, at 2.30 p.m. at Falmouth's Falmouth, Lewiston, Eastwood.
23 WHOLE OF THE LIVE STOCK, FARMING IMPLEMENTS.

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 11/10/28, at 1.30 p.m.
 11. MOXHAM and Co., sell by auction, This Day,
 the Wool Packs, Shropshire, 11,000, 1,200 lbs.

MONDAY, 12TH JANUARY.
 Late auct.

IMPORTANT AUCTION ANNOUNCEMENT.
 To Pictorial Ornamenters and Others.
 A BEAUTIFUL COLLECTION OF WATER COLOURS
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 of Mr. W. SCOTT GILES.
 Consisting of
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JURY ROOM SECRETS.

ROYAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY.
—
MORE EVIDENCE BY JURORS.

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When the consultation met, Mr. John Haynes, editor of the "Newsletter," which was occupied by a seat at the "barriers," asked Mr. Hays whether he would like his Honor's permission to appear in the inquiry. He said that from statements made by his Honor, and other things which had occurred, it appeared to him that he was involved in the inquiry. In the interests of justice he asked that he might be permitted to appear. His reason was twofold: first, he wished to give evidence; secondly, he wished to cross-examine, and to give evidence himself respecting what he believed to be important features in the case. It appeared to him that not only the jury-men, but likewise himself, might be involved if adverse conditions arose from the facts.

"I would like to draw his Honor's attention to the very serious nature of the matter at inquiry," so far as its concentration was concerned. The jurymen who were giving evidence in support of the statements in the Kewletter⁷ had to fight strenuously for protection.

In His Honor's case strong exception to your statement. Every witness coming before me is ample protection.

The fact was not referring to the court at all. What he meant to convey was, outside, attorneys ought to be made responsible to ensure protection to jurymen—as to whether they would speak concerning the correctness

Mr. Haynes: I thank your Honor. That is all.

His Honor: Very well, I will subpoena you.

THE FOREMAN RE-CALLED.

Alfred Hampden Warner, the foreman of the jury, was re-called. He said he had been called up on the telephone by Mr. Cox, of the firm of Messrs. Stephen, Jaques, and Stephen, who had desired him to make a correction as to his statement about Pelton dining at Baumann's Cafe with Mr. Crick's brother.

His Honor said he would have Mr. Cox called up to make a statement.

Witness stated that he desired to make an

Mr. Bavin said he intended to question a witness about that matter.

To Mr. Bavin: There were two meetings of the jury. At one time there were six jurors present and at the other there were five present. The meeting prior to interviewing the Forester-General was held for the purpose of considering the system which allowed of the same officer having access to the defendants and to the jury. It was also to discuss the facts and have the facts put into type order. Something was said then to improve conduct on the part of Fel-

Q. Now, did you discuss the whole or part of the memoranda now made. The whole of the matters were discussed at this first meeting.

A CROSS-EXAMINATION.

Mr. Davin: Was it intended to bring that before the Attorney-General?—Yes.

Q. Now, at a subsequent visits to the jury, is it not a fact that you were asked to arrange that the officers should be furnished with a list of your requirements for each day?—That was understood from the commencement.

Q. You have to furnish a written list. Didn't you say all probability I was asked to do that because our subsequent actions

Yes, that is what I would not contradict that I
 was asked to do. I am not a fact that you failed to furnish
 written list one day?—Perhaps so.
 Didn't you know that the failure to furnish
 at list involved a good deal more visits to
 a jury-room?—No, I never heard of such a
 thing. We would have knocked at the door
 of the jury-room more visits to the room made
 more frequent by Mr. Wilks's illness?—Un-
 doubtedly they were. I sent on several occa-
 sions for the doctor for him, and for other
 reasons.
 Well, you know that the officers had to go
 to the room more frequently?—Yes; but
 these are not the occasions that we complain

Witness was questioned about the evidence he had given on the previous day as to what Dr. Davies, a juror, had told him concerning what Felton had said about Webster. The witness adhered to his evidence in this respect.

Mr. Davis: Did not Felton go to you and ask you what had been said by Davies?

Witness: I will swear he did not.

Mr. Davis: Do you ask you what he heard, didn't you say? This is the first I have heard of it?—No. We had to give evasive answers to Felton, because he was so persistent.

Is it not a fact that after that Felton never went into the jury-room without another official?

"Is this not what happened?—While you were talking to Burgess, Felton came up and said, 'What's up?' Burgess then said, 'It would be nice if the homes were as clean as this.'"
"Yes?"
"Didn't you say, 'The place is filthy. Look under this mat, and the lavatories are out of order'?"—Yes.
"Didn't he say, 'Come down, and we will order'?"—Yes.
"Didn't you come down with Williamson, Jordan, and others?"—Yes.
"Didn't Felton said to you, 'You do not understand how to work it'?"—Yes.
"You said, 'How dare you say that! I am a sanitary engineer'?"—Perhaps I did.

At this stage the witness was allowed to make an explanation. He said: "I was excited; we were rather heated. The whole place was in a flitchy condition. The jurors asked me to bring the matter under the notice of a proper officer. I consulted Burgess, and he said it was as clean as anybody's print. At home, I said: 'Well, God help the

But I did not say anything. I said, "I am not a doctor, and I cannot tell you what the complaint is." Then, Feltton said I did not know anything about that (meaning the lavatory). One of them brought on another. He said: "If you have any complaint to make, make it to the Judge or the Sheriff." I said in the heat of the moment, "I am not the Judge or the Sheriff." Feltton meant that I was doing the same thing in complaining to him. I see now that the remark in print conveys the impression that I appeared to treat the Judge or the Sheriff with discourtesy.

His Honor said certainly does.

Did you say anything more? But it was said in the heat of temper, and not intended by the Judge or the Sheriff in reality.

Witness, further cross-examined by Mr. Wein, said the fluff under the beds was two inches high. One of the officers might have said that this was caused by pillow fighting at night. The officer might also have said that the bed clothes were not taken up and that the fluff could not be foreseen in without another officer. In his (the foreman's) opinion the warning should go on while twelve men were compelled to remain there for so long. He did not make any complaint of the officers turning away from their duties.

"PRACTICALLY ARM IN ARM"

Regarding the conversation between Mr.

...took place in the dining-room about the time he was going to bed. The conversation lasted over two hours. Lane and Burrows were also there, so far as witness knew. Mr. Haydn: Was not Mr. Williamson with you?—I don't know. We took no notice of any thing. We were there 15 days, and we lost count of the days of the week. When Willis came in did he complain of the length of time Felton stayed?—I was half asleep. He may have said something of the kind. You said something about seeing Felton with the defendant Willis. Was it when you

